



**AGENDA**  
**December 16, 2014**  
**Special Meeting**

**Town Council Chambers - 120 Civic Plaza Drive**  
**6:00 PM**

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER BY THE HONORABLE MAYOR DANIEL R. BARRONE**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 4. MOMENT OF SILENCE**
- 5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- 6. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**A. Community Development Block Grant Current and Proposed Projects**

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- 7. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**
- 8. ADJOURNMENT**

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**Background:**

**Staff Recommendation:**

**Recommend Approval/Disapproval:**

Recommend Disapproval

**Attachments:**

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# 2015 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA AND DESCRIPTION

## Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Purpose and History of Community Development Block Grant
  - Program Objectives
  - Eligible Applicants
  - Eligible and Ineligible Activities
  - Program Requirements
  - Application Requirements
3. Current and Past CDBG Projects
4. Questions
5. Citizen Input

## Purpose and History of Community Development Block Grant

### Program Objectives

- Benefit principally low and moderate income families.
- Aid in the prevention of slum or blight.
- Meet urgent community development needs where an existing condition poses a threat to the health and welfare of the community and other financial resources are not available.
- \$8.4 million was available for the past fiscal year

### Eligible Applicants

- All counties/incorporated municipalities except the cities of: Albuquerque, Las Cruces, Santa Fe, Farmington and Rio Rancho.
- Water and mutual domestic associations may apply for a planning grant through their county; sanitation districts, public nonprofit groups, etc. cannot apply directly for assistance but may apply through an eligible municipality or county.
- Indian Pueblos and tribes receive funding directly from HUD.

### Eligible Activities/Categories

- COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE: Water and sewer systems; street improvements

consisting of roads, streets, curbs, gutter, sidewalks, traffic control devices; municipal utilities.

- HOUSING: Real property acquisition; rehabilitation; clearance; provision of public facilities to increase housing opportunities; code enforcement; historic preservation activities; a maximum of \$65,000 in CDBG funds per home can be used on rehab/repair activities.
- PUBLIC SERVICE CAPITAL OUTLAY: Community centers; senior citizen centers; community facilities designed to provide health, social, recreational and other services to residents.
- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Assists communities in creating or retaining jobs for low and moderate income persons; creation or retention of businesses owned by community residents.
- EMERGENCY: Addresses life threatening situations resulting from disasters or threats to health and safety; must have appropriate state agency concurrence; local resources must be non-existent or unavailable.
- PLANNING: Grant assistance must be used for a comprehensive plan if there has not been a current or updated plan within the last five years; feasibility studies; base mapping, aerial photography, GIS systems; development of codes and ordinances; limit of \$50,000.
- COLONIAS: Communities must be within 150 miles of the U.S. - Mexico border and be designated by the county or municipality where it is located. The criteria necessary to qualify are lack of potable water supply, inadequate sewage system and lack of decent, safe, and sanitary housing.

#### Ineligible Activities

- City halls or county courthouses; general operation and maintenance expenses of public facilities; ( the only exception is if Courthouses are not ADA compliant) housing allowance payments and mortgage subsidies; expenditures for political purposes; costs involved in preparing applications and securing funding.

#### Program Requirements

- Applicants must conduct at least one public hearing prior to selecting a project to advise citizens of estimated CDBG funds available; types of projects available; obtain recommendations from citizens regarding community development and housing needs. A minimum of three hearings is recommended. The Town of Taos will be holding two public hearings, one on December 9, 2014 at 12:30 PM and the other on December 16, 2014 at 6:00 PM.
- Citizen participation must be encouraged with emphasis on low and moderate income persons by publishing public hearing notices in English and Spanish, and using other means such as media or posting flyers in an effort to reach the public.

- Recommendations from the public are to be considered and the project is selected at an official regularly scheduled meeting of the governing body.
- Each CDBG application must address at least one of the three national objectives: 1) activities must benefit low and moderate income persons 2) prevention of slum and blight 3) must meet urgent or life threatening community development need.

### Application Requirements

- Application requests are limited to \$500,000 (Planning grants - \$50,000). You may also submit a phased request.
- Applicant must meet threshold requirements: Any grantee with one or more active grants in the infrastructure, public service, capital outlay categories, and Colonias projects, cannot apply for additional funding until the current project is fully closed.
- Rural applicants (3,000 or less population) must provide a minimum 5% cash match; Non-Rural applicants must provide a 10% cash match.
- Applicants may request a waiver of the matching requirements in the absence of local resources or apply for a loan to meet the matching requirement at appropriate interest rates.
- Applications are scored by rating certain criteria such as description and need; benefit to low and moderate income persons; leveraging; citizen participation; planning; feasibility and readiness; user fees and revenues; and cost benefit. The Council also will take into consideration current economic situations, if the entity was funded last year and application presentation.

## Current and Past CDBG Projects

### Current

The current Town of Taos project is the Chamisa Area Infrastructure Improvements Phase 3 which consists of civil work including plan, design, construction and furnishing street improvements within the Town of Taos which including earth work, base course surface, asphalt paving, curb and gutter, and sidewalks along Este Es Road west from NM 68 to Salazar Road, a distance of approximately 2,675 linear feet; and Salazar Road from Este Es south to Chamisa Road, a distance of approximately 1,150 linear feet. This is the third phase of a three phase project. The estimated completion date for this project is December 19, 2014.

### Past

- 2012 Chamisa Area Infrastructure Improvements Phase 2 – construction of roadway
- 2011 Chamisa Area Infrastructure Improvements Phase 1 – installation of utilities
- 2010 Reed and Alexander Road Improvements Phase 2 – paving
- 2009 Reed and Alexander Road Improvements Phase 1 – drainage
- 2005 Community Against Violence Expansion